IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Mareke Hartig, et al.) Art Unit: 1615

U.S. Appln. No. : 10/718,404) Examiner: Carlos A. Azpuru

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Title of Invention: Tiotropium Containing Powder Formulation For Inhalation

Attny, Docket No.: 01-1425

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the September 12, 2008 Office Action issued in the above-identified application. In that Office Action, a three-month shortened statutory period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to respond to that action and note that the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) in connection with this extension of time will be paid during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System.

Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Reply, authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955 will be provided during electronic filing.

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